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First Named Inventor	HAMILTON, JR.
Art Unit	1621
Examiner Name	E. Price
Attorney Docket Number	SHELL-TH2038

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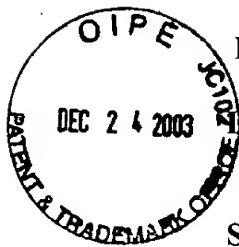
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILE WITH RCE

Sir:

In response to the final action mailed June 30, 2003, please amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.